

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL WARMING AND ITS DANGEROUS EFFECTS ON HEALTH

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to address the dangerous effects of Global Warming on health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Government has set up an 'Expert Committee of Impacts of Climate Change' in May 2007 to study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India and to identify the measures that may be needed to address vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts.

Under the directions of 'Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change' India's Climate Change Action Programme (ICCAP) envisages National action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change in various sectors, including health sector. Indian Council of Medical Research has also constituted Task force on 'Global Environment Change and Health' which is focusing on areas, which Climate change may have impact on, such as,

- (i) Respiratory Diseases and air pollutants,
- (ii) UV-B and Cataract, and
- (iii) Vector Borne Diseases.